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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is submitted in response to the Office action, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 2, 2003, for the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit herewith a petition for a three-month extension of time, up to and including November 2, 2003, to respond to the Office Action, as well as the required fee. However, please consider this a conditional authorization to charge any other fees necessary for entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 20-0531. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections presented in the Office Action in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Prior to further examination, please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.